

IN 28631; 22 x 53

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(references IN 28601)

Born 10 Aug 1912 in Menz, Kreis Ruppin. Engineer. Resided Paris, Cairo since 1947. German passport number 3131/5, issued 29 Oct 51, Paris.

Was rocket expert for ss-Waffenamt. Married with wife in Cairo. Not member official German Military Mission, but wealthy private engineer. Said to be playing strong behind-scenes role NE and Egypt.

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BONN 1220

fnu ENGEL

Described as among the most extreme Nazi elements of the German Advisory Group, and closely connected with W.

BEISNER, (qv), who keeps him informed of the activities of German Fascist groups in Argentina and Spain.

NECA 915; 10 Sept 53

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Info from German Embassy: German engineer ENGELS who has been in Egypt for 6 to 9 mos and set up private firm in Heliopolis to manufacture airplane rockets. According to Ger Embassy, subject believed subject has been working closely with Egyptian military authorities since his arrival. Query to Bonn turned up following info from a certain PITZGEN, a German working with Engles; -- Subject was captured by French in WW2 and worked on rockets for French and for NATO. Firm he has set up with private capital suspected to have come from one George MANTELLO (qv) and/or the French. Subject is reported to have 6 to 8 men working for him in Cairo. Subject is reported to be in contact with 1 of Fr Service Attaches Cairo and made at least one trip to France since coming to Cairo. [ and in French connections see card on Compagnie des Lignes

St. Dept.  
Disp 875  
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Under direction of Engineer (fmu) ENGEL (carder assumes iden with subj) a prototype rocket is being constructed in the factory named SERVA, near Almaza Airport, Cairo.

NEA 189; 18 III 54

Summary biog info on subject:

OO B 72845; 17 II 54  
info: August 1953

Chief, Test Department for Rocketry, (Berlin) 1934-36

Tech Director, Research Plant for Reaction Motors, 1939-44

Chief, Development and Technical Advisor, Waffen Union Skoda-Bruenn-Prag, 1942-44

Member, German Min str of Armament, 1942-45

Member and advisor, "Reichsforschungstrat", 1943-45

Tech Director, Research Center Armament Trust "Waffen-Union", 1944-45

Chief, Research Group, ONERA (France); 1947-51

Chief Engineer and Technical Director, CERVA (Egypt), 1952 to date.

Personnaly attractive, suave, poished. Definite air of being opportunist. Does not enjoy good reputation among other German nationals, particularly older rocket men.

Founder of the original rocket society, VEREIN FUER RAUNSCHIFFFAHRT. When dep France for Egypt took with him two excellent rocket engineers, fmu BOEWADT and P. GOERCKE.

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Director of CERVA Rocket Factory at Almaza who is said to be having serious financial problems; unable begin production of 8 cm rockets because of lack of powder and propellants and foreign exchange with which to procure them. Attache conjectures that, now that much of the technological work has been accomplished on copy of Swiss Oerlikon aircraft rocket, Egyptians may be deliberately in posing foreign exchange difficulties on Subj.

US Air Cairo IR 123-  
3 May 1954

Subject discussed possibility of establishing a Glenn L. Martin plant in Egypt with a Martin representative. Asst. Air Attache asks if reported Martin proposal is bona fide. (filed in 4.1.5.)

bnfp  
IR 169 54  
US Air Attache  
Cairo, 16 July

General manager of CERVA

USAIRA Cairo IR 68 54  
22 March 1954

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Stefan CZARNECKI (qv) has stated that subj was the person who stirred up trouble between CZARNECKI and the Egyptian Govt; this resulted in C's contract between terminated in December 1954. C also commented that E. SANGER, noted German astronaut in France had refused to work under contract for CERVA with Rolf ENGEL.

00 B 79778; Aug 54

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ENGELS, Rolf (Dr)

Subj, German director of the CERVA Rocket Factory at Almaza  
Airfield.

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16 Jul 54

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Listed as Pole being transported with group approximately 14 x 52 WPPA-13032; 7 x 52 to Cairo from Paris. Apparently he is ground force, to be followed by more important personnel who will be involved in building rocket sites for the Egyptians.

Secretary. German citizen born Munich October 13, 1925.

WPPA-13205; 20 x 52

German passport 313051; Fr visa 167 issued 28 Aug 52.

French address: 47 Ave des Platanes, Brunoy S/O

Address at destination: 10 rue Qubbah, Heliopolis.

In addition to the experts recruited by and under direction of VOSS, and referred to as "the Dr. VOSS Group", who are working as advisors at the Egyptian MinWar and Marine, there are smaller units, one of which is composed of approximately 40 engineers who are constructing a factory for manufacture of rockets. One Engineer ENGEL, fnu, is directing this group.

NEAA-76; 29 iv 53

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See also review ↓

Subject, Dr. Rolf Engel, is also engaged in work for the Egyptians (as well as other Germans like Dr. Voss and Gen. Fahrbacher). Subject, a rocket specialist, was Germany's No. 2 specialist in V-weapons. He left France with his assistants early last year. Subject seems to have had a great deal of difficulty in getting rocket production on a regular production basis. A factory is believed to have been built in 1952 at Heliopolis to make 80 and 100 mm AT and AA rockets. However, it did not get far beyond designs and the Eg. Govt. is reported to have abruptly canceled its rocket order. .... The Germans (have run) into enormous difficulties in Egypt... This went so far that Subject decided, early in 1953, to leave Egypt and set himself up in Spain, but when Engel group rec'd

PM 5352 (NAF 54); B Category E) of 27 JL 53 Secret/Control (Source: French official with access to govt files.)

R-478-53; 6 v 53  
Olym, France

In report on construction of new rocket plant near Cairo, subj is stated to be among 18 scientists to be employed in plant.

Hauptsturmführer in Waffen SS, who worked as scientist. 1944, headed joint research centre of SKODA and BRNO arms factories, Prague. More recently in Paris, from whence came as leader of team of German experts on rockets and rocket fuel development in order to establish a factory for this in Egypt.

CSDB-5925; 4 June 53  
Info: 1 Jan-6 May 53  
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(see review) ↓

order for 15,000 rockets, decided to stay in Egypt



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Card #4

Rolf ENGEL, chief of rocket section, included in list of German advisors currently under contract to Eg. Govt.

US MilAtt, Cairo  
26 June 54  
R 174 54

Subj reported to this office that one Mr. SONEVILLE (phonetic) Belgian industrialist, sent rep to Egypt to investigate feasibility of establishment of aluminum plant there.

USAIRA EGYPT IR 178 54  
30 July 54

Subj attended International Conference of Rocket Experts, Innsbruck. Outlines plans for continuing missile development in Egypt. He stated to air attache that Germans are in excellent position to keep Bonn posted on developments in ME and can even influence political development; therefore, if Germany is not interested in such info, the USA should cultivate Germans in the area to obtain it.

IR 203 54 USAIRA EGYPT  
18 August 54

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OO B 79774; 15 Nov 54  
CONTROL

23 rue Bonaparte, PO Box 32, Heliopolis, Egypt.

Attended Fifth International Astronautical Congress with brother-in-law fnu STIFBERGER (qv), who is subj's personal secretary.

Subj now married, though his wife remained in Cairo; she heads the documentation section of CERVA.

Stated his relationship with Stefan CZARNECKI (qv) and his company would end with 1954, as deterioration of their relationship had begun. GOE instigated break-up according to subj, who said C. selling munitions to Israelis. Subj also said C had put up 45% of backin for CERVA.

Subj has largest tech library on rocket, guided missile development in world. Apparently maintains old German files as his personal possession.

1952, when he went to Cairo, source sure E. took complete files of French developments.

Zurich, 1953, subj said regularly received Sov publications on rocket technology.

Subj not sure wishes stay Cairo, trying to get into NATO.

Subj stated in discussion he had trained German agents to obtain tech intelligence in rocket field during WW II; personality leads source to "believe" he is playing with international intelligence collection.

Born 1911, Danzig, of extremely wealthy family which lost all during inflation. While attending high school, subj worked 8 hours daily as machinist. Did well in studies.

1928 or 1929, worked for unspecified astronomical observatory.

Claims to have one U.T. BODEWADT (qv), working with him (in Egypt? not stated).

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Source in recent discussion with Subject, Director of CERVA Factory, USAirA Egypt  
Subj stated tha the French Government expends large sums in the Middle IR-137-55  
East on acquiring intelligence information. Stated that Commandant 10 May 55:C-6  
Henri Picq, French Assist. MILATT to Egypt, who has been in inelligence  
work for 15 years, heads the French Intelligence Service for entire  
ME, and spends large sums of money on acquisition of industrial infor-  
mation. Subj claims that he personally knows French Intelligence  
Headquarters personnel and stated he could furnish this office with  
organizational and funct onal information of the Deaxime Bureau. Subj  
stated that lathough the French outwardly cooperate with the Western  
powers, unofficially they are always working for themselves, and in  
certain instances actually against the interest of the West. Subj stated  
that while in France, thru other intelligence contacts, he was able to  
see all French Intelligence reports on the CERVA Company. French have  
complete information on production, employees, salaries, etc.

Subject recently discussed the problems he was having as Director of the CERVA Rocket Factory. Primary problem is that of low wage scale, poor morale and impending loss of topgrade people. Subj is very dissatisfied in Egypt. Fears nationalization of CERVA, Subj expects to make a move soon as he stated he has offer of jobs in Europe and plans to visit Germany within 6 months. Stated that Gerhardt Mertens and Carlhans Nuelle are conducting a market survey of entire ME area for several German concerns. ~~Ragab~~ Subj stated that he could not furnish information desired by USAFE at this time, but at time of his departure from Egypt, he will make all documents available.

USAFRA Egypt,  
12 May 55  
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In discussion 25 June with Subj, Subj, reported that there is a 3 way cleavage in the Ministries of War, Production and Commerce and Industry. Stated that although RAGAB, for all practical purposes, works under Hassan IBRAHIM, he has been attempting to influence Hassan MARIE, the Minister of Commerce and Industry with his (Ragab's) pro-Socialist and pro-communist ideas. Subj said Ragab was the proponent of much government interference in business. He pushed the new Directors Law, which is unpopular with private enterprise in Egypt. Subj said this all stems from his Communistic viewpoints. Stated that a lot of "Red" rubbed off during Ragab's visit to the Russian countries last year. Ragab's objective is to get the Government involved in munitions and commercial trade with Russia and other satellite countries. Subj added that in addition, Wing Commander Jamal SALAM has a great voice in Government owned or partially owned factories

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25 June 55  
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Subj, anxious to secure employment with an American Co in U.S. working on rocket research projects. PO received Subj's normal prolonged delaying tactics in regard to info previously promised about contact in large French scientific library in Paris. Appears Subj is using his so-called "technical library" as tool in attempt to secure help from U.S. Army and/or Air Force Attaches in securing employment in U.S. COMMENT PO. Appears that no further info requested can be obtained at this time. Subj apparently will continue his delaying tactics until day of departure. Apparently using technical library as bargaining tool to secure assistance in search of employment.

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17 Feb 56

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17 Feb 1956, Subj provided job descriptions of BODEWADT (ballistics experiment) and HANISCH. with request that copies of vital info about himself, BODEWADT, HANISCH and SZYNKIEWICZ be forwarded to a list of U.S. Aviation companies with hope that one of these companies would be interested in interviewing this group for hire as rocket specialists. Stated group would be available not later than 1 Jan 1957.

R 146 56, 23 Feb 56

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